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Dr. Pieroth is an award-winning, board-certified clinical neuropsychologist and thought leader in concussion and traumatic brain injury (TBI). She has more than 30 years of experience evaluating and treating individuals with TBI and has published extensively in the areas of concussion and neuropsychological assessment.

Prior to her recent relocation to South Carolina, Dr. Pieroth served as Director of the Concussion Program at Rush University Medical Center/Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush. For more than two decades, she was the concussion specialist to multiple professional sports organizations, including the Chicago Bears, Blackhawks, White Sox, Fire, and Stars.

Dr. Pieroth currently serves as Director of the NFL Neuropsychology Consultants Program and the Director of the Concussion Programs for both the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) and the Professional Women's Hockey League (PWHL). She is a frequent national speaker on concussion and traumatic brain injury, including a TEDx talk addressing concussion treatment.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

8/2025 - present	Independent Practice in Clinical Neuropsychology Provides forensic consultation, record review, and expert witness services in matters involving concussion, traumatic brain injury, and other neurological conditions. Serves as an independent expert for both plaintiff and defense counsel. Conducts independent medical evaluations.
1/2020- 8/2025	Director of the Concussion Program Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush and Rush University Medical Center Assistant Professor, Rush Medical College
7/2012- 12/2019	Neuropsychologist/Associate Director of the Sports Concussion Program NorthShore University HealthSystem
2/1999- 7/2012	Independent Practice in Clinical Neuropsychology and Rehabilitation Psychology

9/2010- 8/2025	Creator/Director of the A Step aHead Hockey Safety Program Joint program with Chicago Blackhawks, Athletico Physical Therapy and the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois that provided free baseline neurocognitive testing to youth hockey players and educational programs on sports safety to the Chicago hockey community.
9/2002 – 5/2005	Argosy University- Adjunct Faculty Chicago, IL
9/1999- 2/2001	University of Chicago Comprehensive Aphasia Center at Director of Neuropsychological Assessment and Therapeutic Treatment Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital Chicago, IL
11/1998- 10/2000	Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital and Care Network Chicago, IL Staff Neuropsychologist

EDUCATION

12/2020	Masters in Public Health Medical College of Wisconsin
9/1997-9/1998	Postdoctoral Fellow in Neuropsychology (APPCN approved) Henry Ford Health System Detroit, MI
9/1997	Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (APA approved) Illinois School of Professional Psychology Rolling Meadows, IL
8/1996 - 9/1997	Clinical Psychology Intern Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital and Care Network Chicago, IL
5/1988	Bachelor of Science in Psychology University of Illinois Champaign, IL

LICENSURE/BOARD CERTIFICATION

Licensure:	Illinois Licensed Clinical Psychologist #071-005819
Board Certification:	Diplomate in Clinical Neuropsychology

American Board of Professional Psychology

APIT/PsyPACT: Authorized to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology

CONSULTANT ROLES

4/2011 - present	Concussion specialist, Chicago White Sox
11/2017- present	National Advisor, US Women's National Team
6/2018- present	Director, NFL Neuropsychology Consultant Program
12/2021- present	League Concussion Consultant, National Women's Soccer League
10/2023- present	League Concussion Consultant, Professional Women's Hockey League
11/2023 - present	Advisor, University of Pittsburgh Brain Health Initiative
12/2023- present	Consultant, Sway Medical Inc.
7/2004 - 8/2025	Concussion specialist, Chicago Bears
8/2005 - 8/2025	Concussion specialist, Chicago Blackhawks
8/2005 - 8/2025	Concussion specialist, Rockford IceHogs
7/2010 - 11/2014	Concussion specialist, Northwestern University athletics
1/2011 - 8/2025	Concussion specialist, Chicago Fire
7/2021 - 8/2025	Concussion specialist, Major League Baseball Umpires Association
8/2021- 8/2025	Concussion specialist, Chicago Red Stars
10/2021- 8/2025	Concussion specialist, Chicago Hounds

COMMITTEE/BOARD AFFILIATION

10/2013- present	Founding Member, Sports Neuropsychology Society
6/2014- present	Member, Amateur Hockey Association of IL Safety Committee
9/2014 - present	Member, US Soccer Sports Medicine Research & Advisory Panel
8/2017- present	Member, NFL Head, Neck and Spine Committee
5/2019- present	Fellow, Sports Neuropsychology Society
11/2013- present	Ad hoc journal reviewer, Journal of Pediatrics

12/2013- present	Ad hoc journal reviewer, Neurosurgery
11/2014- present	Ad hoc journal reviewer, American Journal of Sports Medicine
11/2020 – 11/2021	Fellow, The OpEd Project
6/2011 - 8/2025	Board Member, Brain Injury Association of Illinois
4/2013 - 8/2025	Member, USA Football Advisory Committee

PUBLICATIONS

1. Pieroth, E. M., & Wicklund, A. H. (in press). Cognition in mild traumatic brain injury: Neuropsychological assessment. In F. S. Zollman (Ed.), *Manual of traumatic brain injury: Assessment and management* (4th ed). Springer Publishing Company.
2. Hohmann E, et al (2024). Return to Sports Following Sports-Related Concussion in Collision Sports: An Expert Consensus Statement Using the Modified Delphi Technique. *Arthroscopy: The Journal of Arthroscopic & Related Surgery*, in press.
3. Hohmann E, et al (2024). On-field and pitch-side assessment of sports concussion in collision sports: An expert consensus statement using the modified Delphi Technique. *Arthroscopy: The Journal of Arthroscopic & Related Surgery*, doi.org/10.1016/j.arthro.2023.06.026
4. Pieroth E & Wicklund A (2023) Concussion in Female Athletes. *Operative Tech Sports Medicine*, 31(3). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.otsm.2023.151026>.
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6. Nicholson CA, Weber KA, Pieroth EM (2022). Sideline Assessment of Concussion, *Operative Techniques in Sports Medicine*, ISSN 1060-1872, doi.org/10.1016/j.otsm.2022.150893.
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8. Whipple MT, Baggish AL, Pieroth EM & Chiampas GT (2018). The Three H's: Head, Heart and Heat Considerations in Soccer. *American Journal of Orthopedics*, 47(10). DOI: 10.12788/ajo.2018.0087
9. Ellenbogen R, Batjer H, Cardenas J, Berger M, Bailes J, Pieroth E et al (2018). National Football League Head, Neck and Spine Committee's Concussion Diagnosis and Management Protocol: 2017-2018 Season, *British Journal of Sports Medicine*, 0, 1-9.

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11. Collins, MW, Kontos AP, Okonkwo DO, et al (2016). Statements of Agreement from the Targeted Evaluation of Active Management (TEAM) Approaches to Treating Concussion Meeting Held in Pittsburgh, October 15-16, 2015. *Neurosurgery*, 79(6), 912-929.
12. Pieroth, EM (2014). Concussion, In *The Handbook of Neurological Sports Medicine*, A. Petraglia, J. Bailes and A. Day (Eds), Human Kinetics: Champaign, IL.
13. Pieroth, EM & Hanks, C (2014). Assessment of the Professional Football Player, In *Concussion*, A. Niranjana and LD Lunsford (Eds), Karger: Pittsburgh, PA.
14. Pieroth, E.M. (2012). "Managing the Return to Work Issues after a Concussion." *Professional Case Management*, 17(3), 141-142.
15. Pieroth, E.M. (2010). "Is Specialized Care Required for Concussive Injuries?" *Professional Case Management*, 15(1), 47-49.
16. Pieroth, E.M. (2008). "Diagnosing Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in Adults," *Professional Case Management*, 13(3), 179-181.
17. Pieroth, E.M. (2004), "The Neuropsychologist's Role in Concussion Management," *Inside Case Management*, 9(5), 239-240.
18. Pieroth, E.M., et al., (2002). "Achieving Successful Rehabilitation Outcomes: The essential value of psychological services," *Inside Case Management*, 9(3), 4-9.
19. Pieroth, E.M. (2001). "Malingering and Neuropsychological Assessment," *Inside Case Management*, 8(6), 7-10.
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PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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AWARDS

2018 Chicago Illini of the Year Award winner

2016 University of Illinois LAS Alumni Achievement Award winner

2016 USA Hockey Excellence in Safety Award winner

2014 Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois Presidential Award winner

2012 Brain Injury Association of Illinois Make a Difference Award winner